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SUMMARY John

THE PREPARATION OF YOUNG SOVIET SCHOLARS

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The establishment of postgraduate courses for science students was considered essential by the government of the USSR. Consequently, after a decade of unsuccessful attempts to meet the requirement for large numbers of specialized scientific personnel, a plan was evolved in 1929 to establish a postgraduate course at the Academy of Sciences USSR. It was decided to select students for this course from other universities and institutes as well as from the Academy and to allow other institutes to accept postgraduate students, provided such acceptance was coordinated with Academy authorities. Although the Academy postgraduate course was designed to last 3 years, it could be extended to 4 years under special circumstances.

When the plan to establish the course had been accepted, a committee headed by V. L. Komarov drew up the regulations for the postgraduate courses. The regulations provided for the admittance of students of either cex, less than 35 years of age, who had completed a course of higher learning and had at least a reading knowledge of a foreign language. The only substitute for the educational requirement was the successful completion of an oral examination. Preference was given candidates with 2 years of postgraduate study at another institution or 2 years of experience in scientific research. Each student was to be guided by a qualified scientist or by a member of the steff of the Academy. These regultions were officially approved in May 1930.

Although for the first few years postgraduate courses at the Academy were primarily candidate courses, the establishment of courses leading to a doctorate was approved in 1935. Aspirants for the doctorate were required to have the degree of Candidate in Science. The Presidium of the Academy of Sciences USSR, which continued to be the final authority on doctorates as well as on candidates, provided for enrollment of students in the candidate course without separation from their employment. In addition, the Presidium directed that candidate courses be organized in other institutes. These measures resulted in an increase in the number of postgraduate students prior to the German invasion of 1941.

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Despite a sharp decrease in enrollment following the German attack, by the fall of 1942 the number of students was on the increase. The following table shows the numbers of students in postgraduate courses from 1943 to 1947 under the over-all supervision of N. G. Bruyevich of the Academy of Sciences USSR:

Doctorate

Candidacy

<u>Years</u>	Separated From Employment	Not Separated From Employment	Separated From Employment	Not Separated From Employment
1943	63	16	107	30
1944	286	152	439	140
1945	420	219	725	142
1946	511	192	831	95
1947	431	224	1,046	99

(NOTE: Total for 1947, 1,800.)

In July 1947, the Presidium of the Academy of Sciences directed the Bureau of Departments to conduct a careful selection of candidates for post-graduate scurses and, in so doing, to pay particular attention to the needs of other institutes, academies, and laboratories for scientific personnel.

Among those who have completed the postgraduate course are Academicians M. V. Keldysh, S. A. Maristianovich, and the following corresponding members of the Academy: B. A. Asratyan, S. G. Barkhudarov, V. I. Veksler, I. N. Vekna, B. M. Vul, Ye. M. Zhukov, A. A. Imshenetskiy, N. A. Krasil'nikov, A. D. Petrov, V. I. Ravdonikas, I. Yo. Starik, I. V. Tananayev, and G. V. Tsereteli.

Former students who have been elected to the staff of academies of union republics include: V. D. Kupradze and K. D. Dondua to the Georgian SER; N. M. Sizakyan and M. K. Chaylakhyan to the Armenian SER. Mir Ali Seid Alicgly Kashkay is Secretary of the Academy of Sciences Azerbaydzhan SER; I. G. Gaiuzo holds the same position in the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR. A. Ya. Margulyan and M. U. Bazanova, graduates of the Academy, are on the staff of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR.

Personnel who have completed postgraduate courses at Moscow and Leningrad universities, who are now on the staff of the Academy of Sciences USSR, include G. F. Aleksandrov, I. N. Natarov, B. A. Mikitin, and P. N. Fedoseyev. Over 150 doctors of science, former students at the Academy, are now engaged in research at the Academy and at other institutes.

More than 80 percent of the senior scientists of the Mathematical Institute imeni V. A. Steklov, of the Institute of Criental Studies, of the Institute of History, and more than 70 percent of the senior scientists of the Soil Institute imeni V. V. Dokuchaev, of the Physiological Institute imeni I. P. Pavlov, of the Geological Institute, of the Institute of Language and Logic imeni R. Ya. Marra, of the Institute of the History of Physical Culture imeni R. Ya. Marra, and of a number of other institutes have had the opportunity to prepare themselves for scientific activity by taking postgraduate courses. More than 600 persons have completed postgraduate work at the Academy of Sciences USSR.

Reports issued by the president of the Academy of Sciences, S. I. Vavilov, and by the Presidium of the Academy have taken note of the importance of post-graduate work in the development of schools of science. In November 1947, the Soviet of Ministers USSR decided to advance the preparation of scientific personnel by attaching young scientists who work in universities, instituted, or other establishments to the Academy of Sciences USSR. These scientists study

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for their acctorates and at the same time remain on the staffs of their institutes and establishments. Thus, the influence of the Academy of Sciences USER has become all the more effective in the development of science throughout the country. This system has become the basic method of preparing scientific personnel with the highest qualifications, accordingly the requirements which personnel must meet to be selected have become much more rigid.

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